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Drive to help town's homeless population

By **James Booker**

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A NEW campaign is underway to give help to the homeless and vulnerably-housed people of Basingstoke.

Basingstoke Voluntary Services (BVS) Camrose Centre is asking for donations to help ease the impact the colder weather will have on those with nowhere to live.

Particularly in demand are non-perishable foods, toiletries, clothes, shoes, tents and sleeping bags.

BVS centre manager, Catherine Goswell, was one of the main forces behind launching the campaign - now in its second year.

"Feedback has been really good so far, and local businesses have been really good as well," she said. "Some collect food for us and also give us lots of money for days out."

A Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council statement said the

number of rough sleepers on the town's streets was eight, according to the last official count in November.

However, Catherine said BVS had registered "16 to 18" rough sleepers in the town, but says they deal with more.

Another official count is due in the coming weeks.

And she believes people are becoming ever more aware of the problem of homelessness.

"The view is changing," she said. "I don't think people realised the size of the issue until this year, there has been moves from agencies to support homeless people more."

"With the changes in benefits, I think a lot more people are at risk of eviction due to the occupancy tax."

"Also, I think a lot more people are having issues feeding themselves because of benefit sanctions. Normally everyone is really helpful."

Andy, who is nearly 50, has been a homeless man on the streets of Basingstoke for 18 months.

He said a combination of benefit difficulties and "personal problems" have left him without a home.

"The scheme has been very helpful for what it has done, but they can only help me so much."

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Confusion over Cllr's 'resignation'

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THE chairman of Basingstoke's UK Independence Party (UKIP) has blamed a threat taken out of context as the reason surrounding a local councillor's alleged party resignation this week.

Reports this week implied Stephen West, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (BDBC's) UKIP councillor for Tadley Central ward, had resigned from the party two weeks ago.

However, it has since emerged that this is not the case, with Alan Stone, chairman of UKIP

Basingstoke, alleging an email was read in the wrong light.

Mr Stone said: "There seems to be an awful lot of contradictory emails going around. He is still with the party."

"I think there was a threat to resign that was taken out of context in some parts, but now he is all back on course."

"He is still a member and he is still the councillor for Basingstoke."

Cllr West joined the UKIP just over a year ago, having defected from the Conservatives.

He blamed "infighting" at Andover UKIP as the reason that the email was sent in the first place.

Cllr West said: "Around two weeks ago, I made it clear to Andover UKIP that unless they end the civil war that is effectively tearing the local party apart, that they can count me out."

"I can only speculate that the source of this inverted pyramid of piffle about my resignation comes from one of the wreckers within the Andover local party."

"My focus continues to be serving my community and I would urge Andover's UKIP members to unite behind their chairman and do the same."

"I categorically have not resigned from UKIP."

Cllr West was elected as UKIP's Hampshire candidate for last November's Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

However, Cllr West polled last, with the position won by inde-



Councillor Stephen West

pendent Simon Hayes.

Cllr West came third in May's Hampshire County Council election when he ran for the seat of Tadley and Baughurst division.

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Mary Rampton will be one of the new Rural Mounted Patrol volunteers (Picture courtesy of Hampshire Constabulary)

Volunteers saddle up against rural crime

RURAL areas of Basingstoke and Deane have a new patrol service after a joint initiative was launched between Hampshire Constabulary and Hampshire Horsewatch.

Twelve riders have become Rural Mounted Patrol Volunteers and will patrol the county's lanes, bridleways and country roads looking for any suspicious behaviour.

One of the main areas targeted is Hook, with the New Forest, Emsworth, Manor Farm, Hedge End and Liphook also on the

radar.

David Collings, Hampshire Horsewatch co-ordinator and force Equine Liaison Officer for Hampshire Constabulary, said: "With the reduction of funding being experienced within the police service there is a need to be as dynamic and imaginative as we can to cover rural policing in Hampshire."

While the riders will be proactive in engaging with both the community and the police, they do not have powers of arrest.

Mary Rampton will be riding

in the Hook area. "I am happy to help the rural community," she said.

"My pony and I enjoy riding the bridleways, farmland and around the local lanes. Meeting people and gaining their confidence in what I am doing is very satisfying."

Chief Inspector Simon Dodds, the force's lead on rural policing, said: "Working in partnership with rural neighbourhood teams, the riders will help combat crime in some of our more isolated communities."

Police still on hunt for woman's attacker

POLICE are trying to trace a man in his "mid-40s" after a woman was beaten and robbed in Basingstoke last week.

The 27-year-old victim was walking on a path between Doswell Way and Norn Hill last Friday lunchtime when her hair was pulled from behind.

Her attacker then confronted her and asked her for cash, handing over a small amount.

The man then punched her to

the floor, before kicking her in the ribs and running off.

She suffered minor injuries and grazes.

The man is described as white, aged in his 40s, about 5ft 9-10ins tall and very skinny.

He had a short dark-brown beard with flecks of grey, blue eyes and spoke with either a Scottish or Irish accent.

He was wearing a knee-length green camouflage army-style

jacket which was ripped.

PC Tom Prutz said: "This is a busy walkway and I am appealing for anyone who was in the area at the time or who saw a man matching this description, to contact me."

"I am also trying to trace an elderly man who may have walked past the victim just before this attack took place."

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First class! Brighton Hill gets post office

A NEW post office will be opened in Brighton Hill before Christmas.

The Post Office and the One Stop store in Stanford Road have reportedly agreed a deal to install a Post Office Local on the premises.

It will be the first Post Office facility in the area since the

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Boots Pharmacy in Brighton Hill Parade closed in 2008.

Cllr David Eyre, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's ward member for Brighton Hill South, was one of the people responsible for engineering the move.

He said his liaisons with the Post Office and the store confirmed they were "more or less at the point where they could sign the deal".

"Originally we thought there might be public consultation involved," said Mr Eyre.

"But with the timescale they are talking about, it's possible they have got enough evidence to tell them there is massive support from the community."

"It was the number one thing that people wanted, so we're absolutely delighted that at last, having bashed our heads against a brick wall for a few years, residents have got what they want."

Carolyn Woodridge, BDBC councillor for Brighton Hill North, was another person heavily

involved in the agreement.

"Brighton Hill has needed a post office for so long so this would be great news for Brighton Hill residents," she said.

"In particular its many elderly and disabled residents who have found it hard to travel to the nearest post office in Buckland Parade."

Khalid Ali, manager of the One Stop store, said "every single person" asking about the post office has been "positive" about it.

"I believe [the Post Office] is a great service that is right for our customers and community,"

said Mr Ali.

"We have a lot of customers local to us who have to travel either to town or to Buckland Avenue to utilise the services that a post office offers, and this can be difficult and time consuming for some of them."

"Every single customer has been positive about it, which has really cemented my belief that this what's right for our community."

Mr Ali also confirmed the front counter area of the shop would be refitted to accommodate the post office counter, and a third till will also be fitted.

Rooksdown goes wild for nature day of fun!

ROOKSDOWN went wild last weekend with the inaugural 'Natural Basingstoke' event at the community centre.

The organisations, assisted by residents, staged a series of wildlife-themed activities in a bid to increase awareness of nature.

Families enjoyed a nature trail, exhibitions of butterflies and birds of prey and pond dipping to name a few activities.

Ken MacKenzie, chair of Natural Basingstoke, said: "Our new organisation is made up of the 15 local wildlife groups looking after a wide range of natural green spaces throughout the Basingstoke and Deane Borough area."

"We hope to encourage local people to get involved in conservation activities and to raise awareness of the great range of wildlife found within our area."

Natural Basingstoke is the association of voluntary conservation groups in the borough of Basingstoke.

It supports the 15 volunteer wildlife conservation groups within the Basingstoke and Deane area.

For more information, contact Marion Wolstencroft of Natural Basingstoke on 01256 470171.

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Town gets spooky and sporty for Halloween fun run



RESIDENTS in Alton are to don their spookiest outfits and put on their running shoes, and take part in a charity fun run.

The Halloween 3-2-1 Family Fun Run was set up by Alton Town Council in partnership with Run England, as part of their Active Alton Campaign.

Money collected at the event, at Anstey Park, will support Naomi House & Jacksplace and Marlfield Nursing and Residential Home.

Town Mayor, Councillor Derek Gardner, said: "I am delighted that this fun run has been set up to support my chosen charities."

"It is a great occasion for people of all ages to get active and have fun whilst raising money for great causes."

The event will also have a fancy dress competition for all junior entries.

Community sports officer, Emily Sanderson, said: "We hope to see

plenty of ghosts, ghouls, witches and other spooky characters at Anstey Park to enjoy our Halloween 3-2-1 family fun run."

"It's a great opportunity for families to experience running together and the choice of three routes caters for various ages and abilities."

The run will take place at noon on November 3. Entry forms are available from Alton Town Council's website.



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County's services are now in partnership...

THE leaders of Hampshire's councils, along with leading representatives from the police, fire, NHS and local businesses, are hoping to drive forward a new agenda for county residents following a meeting yesterday.

The group, known as the Hampshire Partnership, agreed ways to work together for Hampshire residents at a time when financial constraints look set to continue.

It wants to build on the success of joint working that has created better services for residents at a lower cost, and pick up where the former collective the Hampshire Senate left off.

In the past, these have included public services sharing buildings, projects such as Insulate Hampshire, and the Supporting Troubled Families Programme.

Following yesterday's meeting, new areas identified for future joint working include land allocations, school places planning and caring for an ageing population.

Partnership chairman and

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leader of the county council, Roy Perry, said: "We all know that the problems we face are not getting easier, given that the budget constraints will be with us for the foreseeable future."

"We all agreed that partnership working is the key to doing things better."

"The Senate has real successes to point to, and I am happy to be portrayed as a firm believer in partnership working."

"As a former borough council leader I recognise some issues are better handled at a district level."

"There's no greater advocate of two-tier working than me."

"There are however some things that need to be tackled at a county level and county-wide."

"But we're working collectively to improve services for local people while ensuring this county prospers and that we can pass on the quality of environment to generations to come."

The partnership aims to meet for a maximum of four times a year.

It is part of a bid to bring the major partners together and address issues that can be dealt with more effectively together.

Sowing seeds to raise money for charity



MEMBERS of Basingstoke Loddon Rotary will in Festival Place on Saturday, raising funds for Dial-a-Ride.

The charity, which has been in operation for nearly 29 years, aims to provide affordable specialist transport to people with physical or mental impairment allowing them to live a more independent life.

"We wanted to raise the profile of both the Dial-A-Ride charity and Rotary in the local community and decided to do something a bit different to raise funds," said BLR president Chris Flemming.

"We are giving away packets of seeds with information about Rotary on them, directing people to our website to find out

more.

"Dial-A-Ride needs to raise £90k in charity donations over the next three years to fund the replacement of their two specialist vehicles so that this fantastic service can continue for the community."

"We are just happy to be sowing the seeds to help grow their funds."

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College in final

BASINGSTOKE College of Technology (BCoT) has been shortlisted as a finalist in a national competition that recognises efforts from schools and colleges to help the environment.

Staff and students are keeping their fingers crossed to see if BCoT is crowned "Best Newcomer" at this year's Green Gown Awards, the finals of which are next month.

They are up against Falmouth Exeter Plus, Harrow College and Manchester Adult Education Service.

Up and running

THOUSANDS of runners will take to the streets of Basingstoke for this Sunday's Basingstoke's Half Marathon.

It is the third year which the race is running. It starts from Hackwood Road adjacent to the War Memorial Park in the town centre.

Among the charities listed for this year are St Michael's Hospice, Naomi House and North Hampshire Medical Fund.

Variety show

THIS Saturday will see over 300 acts perform for a packed-out Anvil audience at the Basingstoke Variety Show.

The music, dance and theatre extravaganza is raising money for Sebastian's Action Trust Bluebells centre and a community foundation trust.

Basingstoke's mayor Dan Putty said: "I hope that people are able to come along and show your support for the fantastic talent from our borough."

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Celebrations for old people

SENIOR citizens in the borough were given a day of celebration on Tuesday to mark the International Day of Older People.

Libraries across Basingstoke and north Hampshire ran sessions on 'getting connected', many of which were technology-based.

Hampshire County Council hope this helps older people learn new skills and tackle social isolation.

It is estimated the over-75 population in Hampshire, currently 116,400, will rise by 13 per cent within four years.

Councillor Anna McNair Scott, Executive Member for Adult Social Care, said: "We should take time to celebrate the contribution older

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people have made and continue to make to society.

"Many older residents continue to help support the economy by working for longer or providing care and support for their grandchildren enabling parents to work.

"There are a wide range of older volunteers helping in their community perhaps by driving community transport or running groups sharing their experience and knowledge and providing vital social interaction.

"We need to support older residents to stay active and learn new skills to help improve their wellbeing, meaning they can continue to live lives full of vitality for as long as possible."

The region's fire service also did their bit, by staging a series of events designed to improve the safety of

older people in their homes.

Basingstoke, Rushmoor, Cosham and Fareham fire stations all offered free electric blanket testing, and open days will be held in the near future across the county.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue area manager Mick Crennell said: "We engage with older people every day to help them remain safe and independent.

"Older People's Day 2013 was an opportunity for us to work alongside colleagues elsewhere in the country to highlight the importance of this work."

"Almost half of all fire deaths in the UK involve people over the age of 60 and by the time someone reaches 80 they are 10 times more likely to die in a fire than someone under 30.

"With this in mind and especially during times of Industrial Action, we would ask the public to take extra care and check the smoke detectors of any older persons in your family and neighbours."

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War tributes to be installed in Hampshire

POPPIES will be planted at Milestones Museum in Basingstoke as part of a countywide tribute to mark the 100-year anniversary of the First World War.

Hampshire County Council launched the 'Hampshire Commemorates' scheme last week, which also grants money to community projects wanting to mark the historic anniversary next year.

Funding of between £200 and £2,000 will be made available, and a commemorative programme will be launched later this year.

The county council has set aside £100,000 to support the programme, with £50,000 going towards the grants.

Hampshire County Council's executive member for Culture, Recreation and Countryside, Councillor Keith Chapman, welcomed the move, saying it was good to acknowledge Hampshire's role in the war.

"Hampshire and its communities played a unique and internationally significant role during the First World War," he said.

"Among our various preparations are a number of key projects such as the launch of this new grants scheme for local communities, as well as work to engage Hampshire schools.

"And later this autumn we will of course be launching the Big Theme programme with even more events planned.

"Poppies will be planted at locations including Manor Farm in Bursledon, Royal Victoria Country Park in Netley, and Milestones Museum in Basingstoke.

"A special D-Day event is also being planned at Lepe Country Park, featuring a parade along the seafront, a cliff-top memorial service, re-enactments, guided walks, and more.

"This wider commemorative programme across cultural venues will continue during the 2014-18 period."



Woman attacked in McDonald's

A WOMAN is wanted by police in Basingstoke after she put another woman in hospital after viciously attacking her.

The 35-year-old victim was assaulted, in an unprovoked attack, at McDonald's fast food restaurant in Market Square at around 10.30pm on August 17.

She was pushed to the ground and punched in the face several times, and subsequently had to go to hospital.

Now, police have released a CCTV image of the woman they want to speak to in connection with the assault, and are appealing for wit-

nesses to come forward.

PC Lisa Palmer said: "[The restaurant] would have been quite busy at this time of night so people would have seen this incident.

"If you recognise this woman, please contact me as soon as possible."

The woman who assaulted the victim is described as white, aged 30-35, of a medium build, with brown shoulder-length hair.

She was wearing long blue dungarees with a white T-shirt with black writing on.

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First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 02098 of Pamber Heath, second prize of £100 to 74929 of Whitchurch, third prize of £50 to 56145 of Basingstoke and fourth prize of £20 to 21850 of Basingstoke.

Sixteen prizes of £5 were awarded to 01951, 02404, 05872, 06178, 09627, 19400, 20377, 24587, 25599, 26745, 29104, 59471, 65452, 69814, 81721, 95351.

Vaccine appeal

DOCTORS in Basingstoke and North Hants are urging people to protect themselves from the onset of flu as autumn draws in.

Elderly people, pregnant women, and children and adults with health issues are most at risk.

And this year, all children aged two and three years will also be offered the vaccination by nasal spray.

Biker injured

POLICE are appealing for help in identifying the driver of a car involved in an incident where a motorcyclist was injured in Basingstoke.

The 24-year-old victim fell off his bike as he swerved to avoid the car at the junction of Chiltern Way on the afternoon of September 15.

The biker suffered minor injuries, but the car failed to stop. PC Ian Wonnacott said: "Did you see this incident? Were you the driver of the car or do you know who is?"

Work begins on training centre

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WORK has started on a multi-million pound signal and training centre in Basingstoke, which is set to create hundreds of jobs.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller officially started work on the Basingstoke Rail Operating and Training Centre on Friday.

The site, north of Basing View, is one of 12 being built by Network Rail across the country, in a bid to reduce delays and improve services for passengers travelling between London Waterloo and the south coast.

It will use advanced technology to control trains and look to replace more than 800 signal boxes currently in use around the network.

Mrs Miller said: "I very much welcome the significant investment in Basingstoke by Network Rail."

"It is great to see the start of building of this state-of-the-art signalling and training centre."

"This development will bring huge benefits for Basingstoke with new jobs for local people, new parking facilities and a footbridge."

Sam McCarthy, commercial director for the Network Rail



• Cllr Ranil Jayawardena, Sam McCarthy and Maria Miller start work on the new rail scheme (Picture courtesy of Network Rail)

and South West Trains Alliance, said: "This centre will be a vital part of operating the railway in the south and south west of England and will firmly establish Basingstoke as an important part of the national rail network."

"It will help to provide a better, safer and more reliable railway and deliver significant efficiencies to contribute to making the railway more cost effective."

"It is also a further example of the partnership approach to operating the railway being demonstrated by the Network Rail and South West Train Alliance."

"The training centre, offices and control centre will be home to many staff from both organisations, all working together to provide a better service to passengers."

Basingstoke and Deane Bor-

ough Council (BDBC) gave the scheme the go-ahead in July.

Deputy leader of BDBC, councillor Ranil Jayawardena, added: "This marks an important chapter in the regeneration of our town centre business district, Basing View, showing the growing interest from major companies in locating here."

The centre is expected to be finished by the end of next year.

Number plate thief wanted by police

POLICE are trying to trace a man in connection with the theft of number plates in South Ham, and subsequent fuel thefts at two garages in Basingstoke.

The number plates were stolen some time between August 5 and August 6 from a Ford Mondeo parked in Western Way.

At about 5am on August 6, a man driving a maroon-coloured Ford Fiesta used the Shell Garage in Bucksland and had the stolen number plates on his car.

He took fuel and drove off without paying.

The same driver did this again on August 28 at about 5am at the BP garage in Houndmills, Aldermaston Road South.

PC Craig Bannerman said: "Do you know who this man is? Have you seen him driving this car around Basingstoke?"

"If you have any information, please contact me as soon as possible."

Contact PC Bannerman at Basingstoke Police Station on 101 or call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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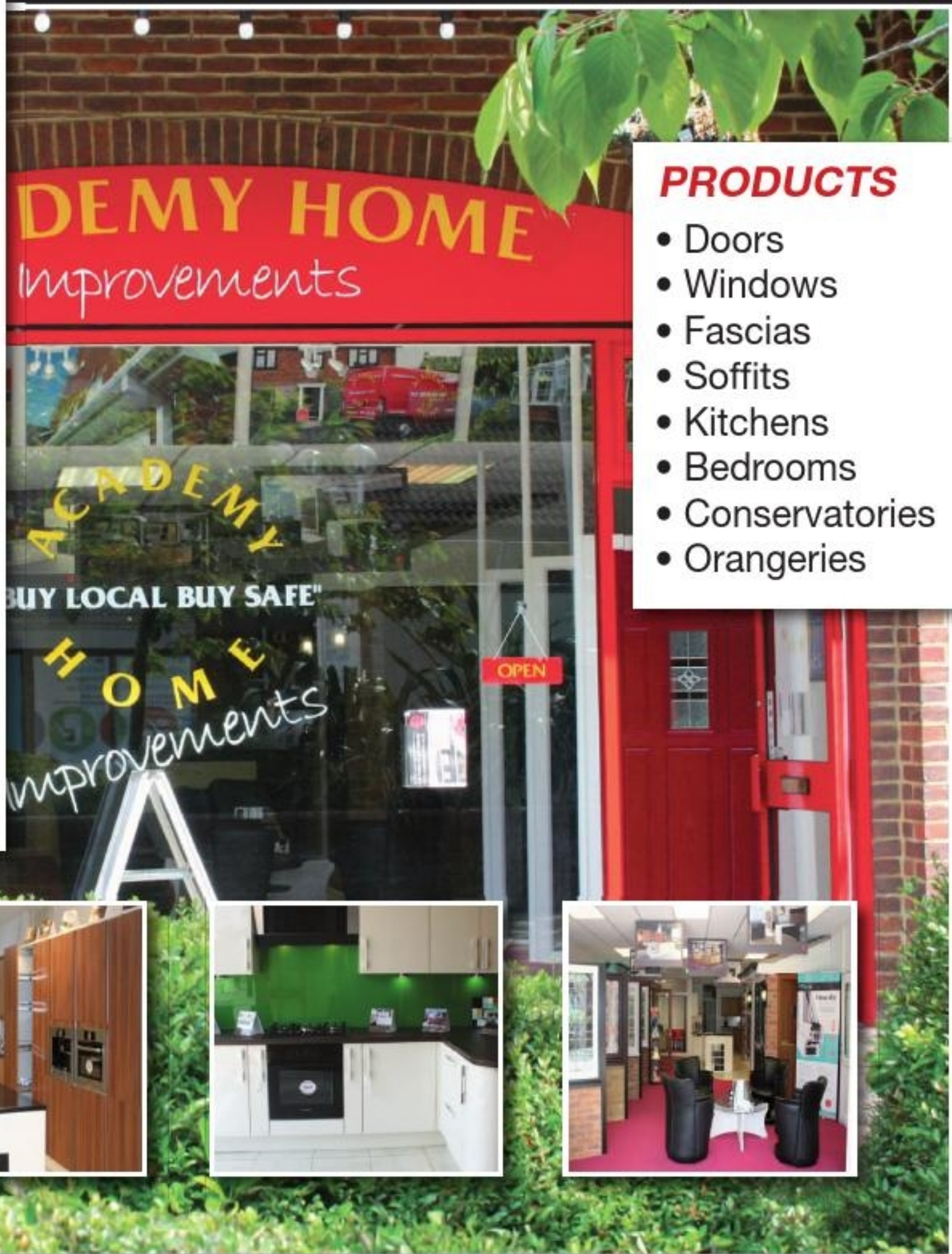
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Appeal after man pushed boy in road

POLICE are still on the hunt for a man who pushed a nine-year-old boy into the middle of a road in South Ham last month.

The boy was walking along Paddock Road between 8.30am and 8.55am when he was approached from behind by the man.

He pushed the boy, who then ran off, but did not attempt to abduct him.

PC Michael Higgins, from Basingstoke Police Station, said officers are keen to track the driver of a "dark-coloured car" that was passing at the time of the incident.

The man is described as white, wearing a black hat, black coat, black trousers and white trainers.

A 26-year-old man from Basingstoke was arrested in connection with this incident but has been released without charge.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact PC Higgins at Basingstoke Police Station on the police non-emergency number 101.

Alternatively, call the charity Crimestoppers line on 0800 555 111, where information relating to crimes can be left anonymously.

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College set to benefit from £500k funding

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A BASINGSTOKE college is set for a £500,000 funding boost from the county council to further its facilities for students with learning difficulties.

Queen Mary's College (QMC) will receive £496,000 as part of Hampshire County Council's £1.36million Education Funding Agency.

QMC is one of three colleges in Hampshire set to receive grants to assist in such facilities for students aged between 16 and 24 with special educational needs and/or high needs levels of learning difficulties.

Brockenhurst College (awarded £210,000) and Eastleigh College (£654,000) are also set to benefit.

Ali Foss, principal at Queen Mary's College, said the college was "excited" at the news.

"We are very excited about this opportunity that will help to remove some of the barriers to learning faced by students with learning difficulties and disabilities," she said.

"This funding will enable us to provide well-equipped specialist accommodation that will enable young people on the autistic spectrum to progress to adulthood and independence in a safe environment of academic excellence."

Councillor Peter Edgar, Hampshire County Council's Execu-

tive Member for Education, commented: "This is good news for the colleges and those students who will benefit."

"All young people are now required to stay in some form of education or training until the end of the academic year, in which they reach the age of 17."

"And, as the local authority, we have a responsibility for ensuring there is sufficient provision for students moving into post-16 education."

"I am pleased therefore, that we have been able to play an instrumental role in securing this funding for the colleges through our successful bid."

"We are working hard to develop opportunities for young people to improve their prospects as they move towards entering a very competitive job market."

"To this end we are committed to supporting young people to enable them to reach their potential."

It is hoped the colleges can create more opportunities for the students to take part in activities that do not necessarily fall into the schedules of their formal study programme.

Nursery staff go from Palace to Palace!



A TEAM from a Basingstoke-based nursery chain have raised £300 in a charity bike ride from the London Palace to Palace Bike Ride.

Caron Moseley, Jacqui Darling and Adrian Moore, of Kiddi Caru, completed the 45-mile course between Buckingham Palace and Windsor Castle in just over four hours.

The event, which took place on September 22, raises money for the Prince's Trust. It is now in its eighth year.

Caron, the nursery's marketing manager at Kiddi Caru, said: "We really like to challenge ourselves with different physical events and the training for this event has really been tough."

"Let's just say finding myself bottom down in a patch of nettles and brambles wasn't a high point."

"However all went well on the day and we had a fabulous time."

Finance director Adrian added: "We take it in turn to choose different events to compete in and the Palace to Palace bike ride was my idea."

"It was very hard work indeed but great fun. Luckily Caron and Jacqui are still speaking to me!"

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Equipment stolen

TWENTY-FIVE thousand pounds worth of life saving equipment has been stolen from Odiham Fire Station.

Machinery used to cut trapped people from vehicle wrecks, as well as thermal imaging cameras used to locate people in fires, were among the stolen kit.

The station, on Western Lane, was temporarily closed after the incident on September 20 while crews re-mobilised the fire engines.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service group manager, Jerry Leonard said: "This equipment is incredibly important for us to respond and we can't do our job without it which puts lives at risk."

Charity tackles empty housing in the borough

BASINGSTOKE'S local authority has teamed up with a charity in a bid to further eradicate the problem of empty housing in the borough.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has joined forces with re-housing charity Chapter 1 in a bid to bring 10 empty properties in the area back into use.

The charity were awarded £200,000 from the Homes and

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Communities Agency towards the project.

The council will lease the empty premises from the owners for five years, and refurbish them at no extra cost.

Properties will then be leased

to people the council feels are most in need of accommodation.

BDBC hopes the initiative will assist owners who cannot finance refurbishment works themselves - often, it says, the reason why houses are empty in the first place.

The council's cabinet member for Housing Councillor Rob Golding said: "The reasons why

homes remain empty are many and varied, but a lack of access to funds is a common one.

"This scheme is primarily designed to assist those homeowners who not only have a lack of funds but are also unable to take on the responsibility of managing contractors, which can be a big worry if there is a lot of refurbishment required."

Chapter 1's operations director, Barbara Stevenson said: "Chapter 1 is already a leading player in the development of leasing schemes, providing good quality affordable homes for tenants and making life easier for landlords. "Our scheme in Basingstoke is our first in the South East.

"We have already housed more than 50 people, and are signing up more landlords all the time. The empty homes scheme will increase capacity further."

BDBC added that it wants to hear from any owners of empty accommodation that may fit the criteria of the scheme.

The authority will assess the premises, before handing responsibility to the charity, who will negotiate the lease and manage any refurbishment work.

The rental income is paid back into the scheme until the investment in the property is paid off.

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Charity card drive

VOLUNTEERS in Basingstoke are being asked to help out with a charity Christmas card drive.

Cards for Good Causes sells cards from pop-up shops around the country for around 300 charities.

The organisation's chief executive, Christine Holland, said: "Christmas cards are an important source of funding for charities but increases in stamp prices and general uncertainty about the economy have both impacted on sales."

Visit www.cardsforcharity.co.uk for information.

Local champions

HART District Council has presented its first awards to people who have made significant contributions to their community.

The newly-launched 'Hart Chairman's Award Scheme' is a monthly initiative recognising effort from individuals or organisations.

Council chairman, Cllr Stephen Gorys, said: "I am delighted with the number of applications received so far and hope more will come forward each month."

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Air ambulance staff get ready for bed in charity fundraiser

STAFF at Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance charity office got into the spirit of National Air Ambulance Week as they sported their best pyjamas for the day last Wednesday.

And there was a spare night dress to hand for community fundraiser James King, pic-

tured centre left, who joined the celebrations at the eleventh hour.

Now in its second year, National Air Ambulance Week celebrates the service provided by the Air Ambulance on both a local and a national level.

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Jack the Ripper - solved?

Puppet show

CHILDREN'S theatrical show Nice, which uses puppets, live animation, music and sound to present a tale of hope and friendship, comes to Central Studio on Saturday.

The show is inspired by the writing of Lewis Carroll and the world of Monty Python, and tells the story of a young girl and her puppet entering a very strange world.

Tickets cost £6 for adults and £5 for children. Booking details can be found at www.centralstudio.co.uk or by calling 01256 418318.

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THE mystery of Jack the Ripper has intrigued people for years, but the 19th century murders remain unsolved to this day.

But retired detective Trevor Marriott is hoping to shed new light on the case, as he presents 'Jack the Ripper - A 21st Century Investigation' at The Haymarket on Wednesday.

Trevor has now concluded his cold case investigation that he first started back in 2002, and is presenting his findings to coincide with the 125th anniversary of the Whitechapel murders.

"My first interest in the case was as a result of being asked to give a crime lecture to a university, and the topic I picked was Jack the Ripper," said Trevor.

"I'd always have more than a passing interest in the mystery but never had time to sit down and look at it in any detail.

"When I sat down to research the lecture, it soon became apparent that a lot of what people had thought to rely on all these years clearly is not factually correct, and after that I decided to carry out a cold case re-investigation."

His investigation disproves the

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accepted theory that the killer would remove organs from victims at the crime scenes, and take them away.

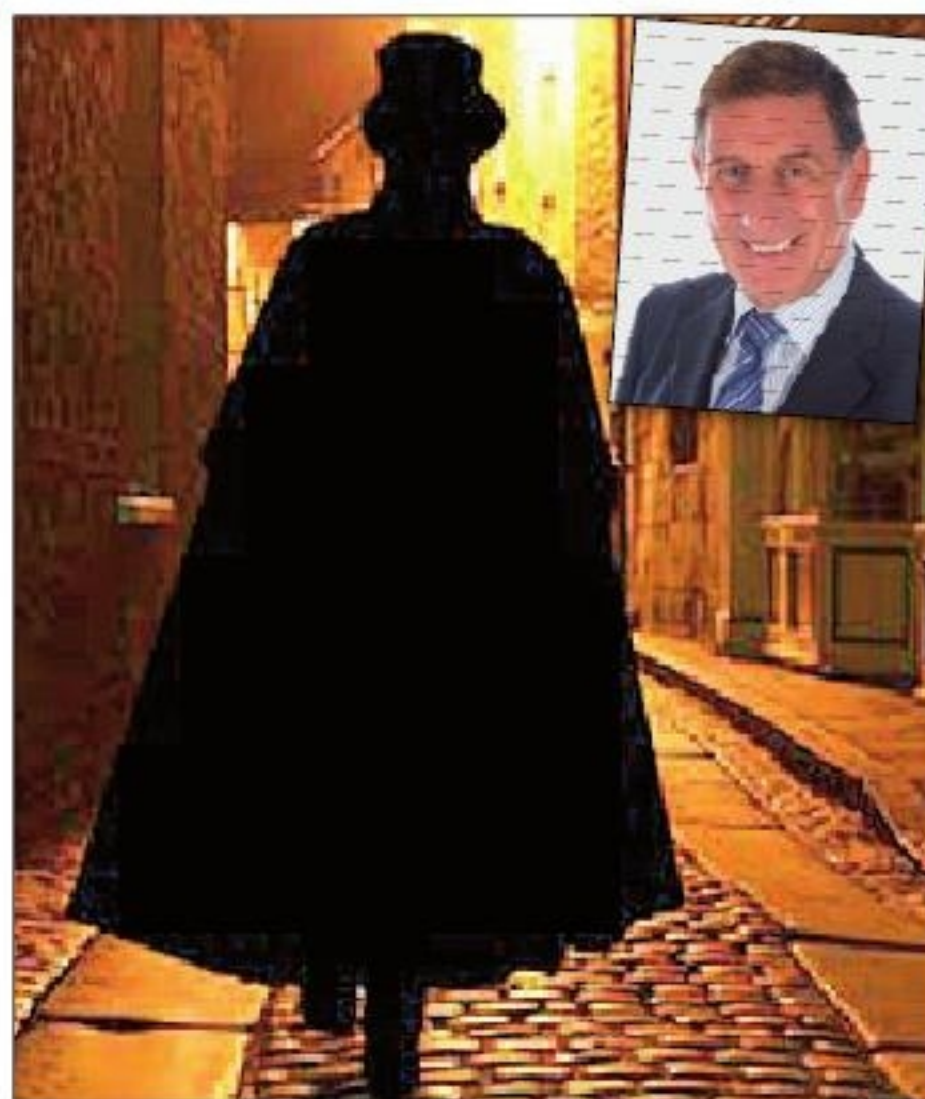
Further investigative work also names four new suspects and eliminates others previously linked to the crime.

Trevor added: "Audiences have been very good. People contact me after the show, saying that what I present certainly throws a new light on the mystery and dispels a number of the major theories."

"This year resulted in the final parts of my investigation coming to fruition, and it seemed a natural transition to increase from a one-hour to a two-hour show."

"It gives members of the public the opportunity of being able to look at new evidence, new facts and reassess perceptions of this mystery."

The show starts at 7.30pm for a two-hour presentation, with tickets costing £12. For more details, go to www.anvilarts.co.uk or call 01256 844244.



Retired detective Trevor Marriott presents his findings on the Jack the Ripper mystery at The Haymarket on Wednesday

Psychic Tony

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Green fingers!

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Vintage Old Basing!

It's ladies night!

LADIES night comes to the Bishopswood Golf Course in Tadley tonight, for an evening of fashion, style and pampering in aid of Sebastian's Action Trust and The Pink Place.

Activities include a fashion show, clothing and jewellery stalls and pampering sessions, for what promises to be a great girls night out.

Tickets cost £18 on the door, and it will run from 7pm until 10.30pm. Further details can be found at www.bishopswoodgc.co.uk.

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BASINGSTOKE goes back to the 20th century on Sunday, for a vintage fair being held at Old Basing Village Hall to raise money for children's charity Tommy's.

The fair is part of a series of planned events running into next year, and will feature numerous vintage stalls where visitors can buy clothing, jewellery, or have their hair done in a vintage salon.

It is the first fair of its kind run by event organisers Dolly's Vintage, made up of Genevieve Baldwin and Sharon Dann.

Sharon said: "Sadly Genevieve's daughter Imogen Ocean was stillborn earlier on this year, and she wanted to raise money for Tommy's, so that's how Dolly's came about."

"We've done one dance night already, which was amazing and I think we raised about £500 with that one, so we've organised this vintage fair and are just trying to raise as much as we can really."

Stallholders form a mix of Basingstoke-based and national vintage companies, who will have an array of merchandise on offer for guests.

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There will also be demonstrations on sewing by Miss Maker, recycled furniture from Bella G Vintage, and refreshments available from Imogen's tearoom.

Sharon added: "We've got quite a lot of stuff planned for next year as well. In February we've got a vintage wedding fair, and also a vintage Vegas-style night in March."

"We'll be supporting the Why17 campaign as well, as 17 babies are stillborn or die shortly after birth every day."

It will feature two live bands: Moroccan Roll and Johnny Gunner and the Raiders, playing a variety of music from the 1950s to the present day.

That is followed by a vintage Christmas fair on November 23, promising a mix of stalls offering gifts and presents from back in the day.

Sunday's fair runs from 11am to 3pm, and costs £1 to enter. For more information about this or any of Dolly's Vintage events, go to www.dollysvintage.co.uk.



• Sharon Dann (left) and Genevieve Baldwin host Dolly's Vintage Fair at Old Basing Village Hall on Sunday

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Austen evening

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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

- 1 Followed (6)
- 7 Movement of cars in streets (7)
- 8 Valet (7)
- 9 Bias (5)
- 10 Day (9)
- 12 Expression of affirmation (3)
- 13 Annoys (4)
- 15 Brought into harmony (7)
- 17 Apparatus (4)
- 19 Ocean (3)
- 21 Conceivably possible (9)
- 22 One who suffers loss (5)
- 23 Wandering (7)
- 24 Idiots (7)
- 25 Words spoken in undertone (6)

Quick Clues Down

- 1 Financially supporting (8)
- 2 Firm (6)
- 3 Simplest (7)
- 4 Common flower (5)
- 5 Occurrence (6)
- 6 Tax (4)
- 7 Association of workers (5,6)
- 11 In the vicinity of (4)
- 13 Notion (4)
- 14 Noiseless periods (8)
- 16 Inhabitants of Greenland (7)
- 18 Reply (6)
- 20 Stayed (6)
- 21 Instruct (5)
- 22 Be deficient (4)

Cryptic Clues Across

- 1 Encourage it to be in a nice mess (6)
- 7 I'll take ninety-nine with it being outside the law (7)
- 8 Heading it back and getting the bird about it (7)
- 9 Smart to give voice about the start of the trend (5)
- 10 Buildings that were standing before Sion was in ruins (9)
- 12 But do deer lay eggs? (3)
- 13 Therefore it comes back to the monster (4)
- 15 Stopped talking because he felt parched (5,2)
- 17 See a different form of relaxation (4)
- 19 Bring back a dish of gold dust and make a pile (3)
- 21 Those who cheat have a sort of wildness about what is right (9)
- 22 The girl to entertain at Christmas (5)
- 23 Tending to run back and croon (7)
- 24 Journeys along a back street to make it complicated inside (7)
- 25 Return the bribe and put down the drink (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

- 1 Multiply in the fold (8)
- 2 In which a policeman can get himself into hot water? (6)
- 3 Chatter about the weight following a trite exchange (7)
- 4 The high quality of the group (5)
- 5 Performing an exacting part (6)
- 6 The animal for men only (4)
- 7 There are ones among the Sikhs, for example, who belong to another Asian country (11)
- 11 Company of the French body of law (4)
- 13 Though possibly looking milky, there's nothing to lap up (4)
- 14 Look at the view with vision (8)
- 16 Urged on to endure (7)
- 18 Spanish Communist has a feast (6)
- 20 The dangers of misplacing small pincers (6)
- 21 Keels over to look smooth (6)
- 22 Cast out the pets (4)

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Scribble space

Last week's solutions

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Quick Crossword

Across: 4 Scales 8 Ravings 10 Control 11 Lance
12 Taste 13 Scavenger 16 Seascapes 19 Opera
20 Inset 22 Assaults 23 Sunrise 24 Strays

Down: 1 Frills 2 Oven 3 Unnecessarily 5
Constructions 6 Lordship 7 Silver 9 Scrag 14
Assessor 15 Morals 17 Amiss 18 Settee 21 Slip

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 4 Oppose 8 Behaved 10 Roister 11 Satyr
12 Those 13 Deathless 16 Downfalls 19 Bingo
20 Rover 22 Showing 23 Shelled 24 Design
Down: 1 Abused 2 Chat 3 Overshadowing 5
Points of order 6 Optional 7 Earned 9 Drive 14
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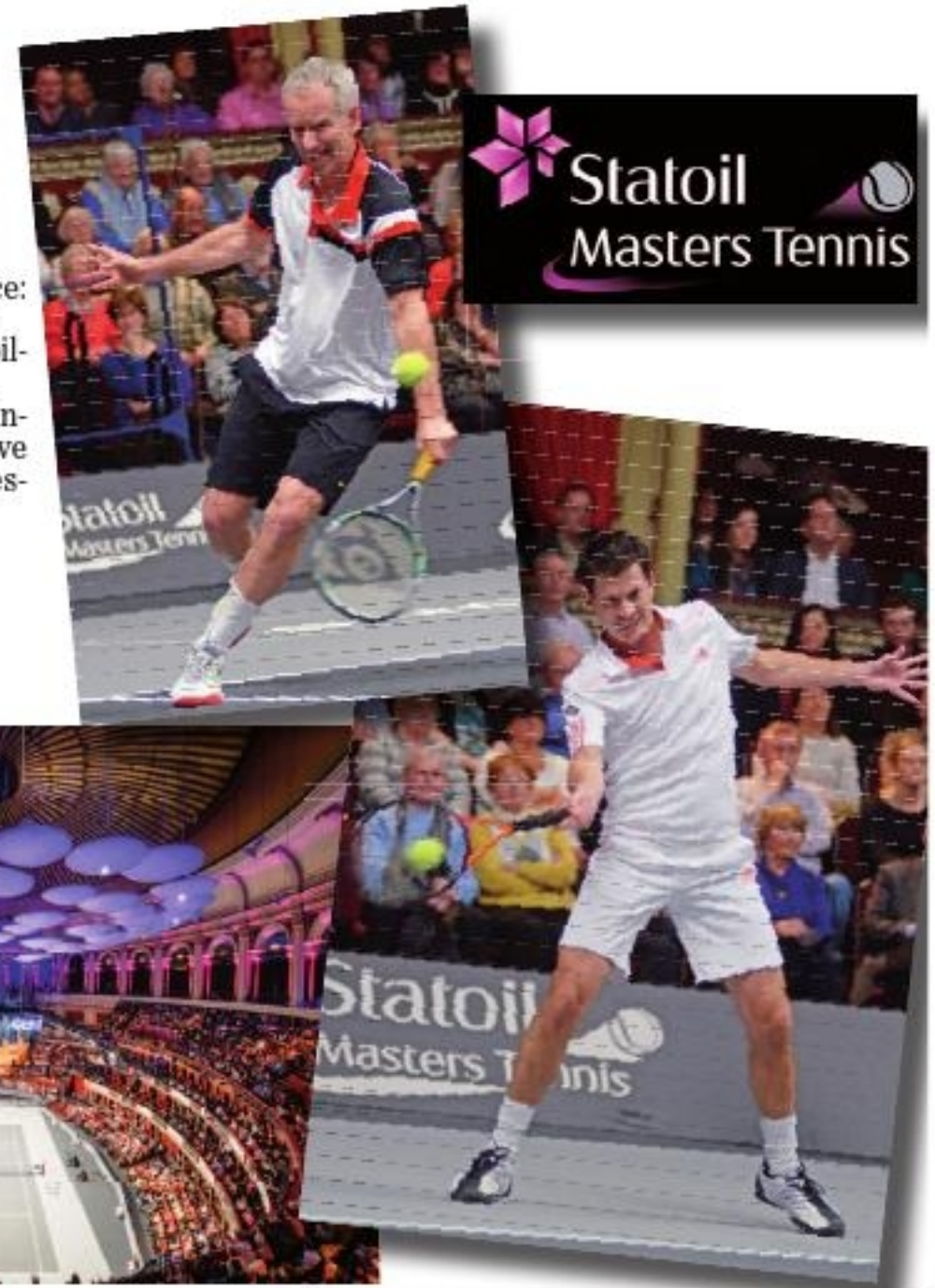
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THE all-new 2014 Kia Soul urban crossover, which made its debut at the recent Frankfurt Motor Show, will go on sale in Europe next year: the smooth new-

look exterior is inspired by the 2012 Kia Track'ster concept.

The 2014 Soul's upright stance, squared shoulders, wraparound glass-

house, high-mounted tail lights and raised ride height are hallmark design elements ensuring the new model is instantly recognisable as a Soul.

Based on a new platform shared with the latest Kia cee'd, the new Soul boasts a stronger bodyshell, and suspension upgrades, is expected to give the new car improved driving dynamics, ride quality and refinement.



• The new 2014 Kia Soul

REVIEW: KIA SOUL

By Philip Shoulder

@writeonmotoring

The latest versions of Kia's 1.6-litre GDi petrol and CRDi diesel engines will be offered, as well as six-speed manual and six-speed automatic transmissions.

The cabin is significantly quieter, with higher quality materials throughout, and greater sound proofing compared to the outgoing Soul.

And the cabin accommodation has improved, with increased leg and headroom. The tailgate opening is now 60 mm wider, providing easier access to a larger cargo area, which has increased capacity to 354 litres (plus additional underfloor storage) with the rear seats upright.

The New Soul will be available, depending on final market specifications, with a choice between single and two-tone

interiors, with black, brown and grey leather and fabrics available.

Depending on model, standard equipment should include: front LED lights and rear LED 'halo' lights; xenon headlights; keyless entry and push-button engine start; automatic climate control air-conditioning; cruise control; leather seat trim; ventilated front seats; heated front and rear seats; panoramic glass sunroof; and heated exterior mirrors.

Safety and convenience features such as High Beam Assist, Parallel Parking Assist System and a Lane Departure Warning System, will also be available.

The new Soul will carry over the outgoing model's reputation for customisation. Buyers will be able to choose between up to 11 exterior paint finishes, as well as three different roof colours - black, white and red. Eight different alloy wheel designs - ranging from 16-inch to 18-inch in size - will be available.

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The line-up will feature 21 hatchbacks (including eight diesel models) and 15 fastbacks, five of those with diesel power.

"As well as combining Mazda's fuel-saving SKYACTIV technology and the striking 'KODO - Soul of Motion' design theme, the all-new Mazda3 raises Mazda's traditionally generous equipment levels to a new high, outperforming many established C-segment rivals in terms of

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The SE model includes 16-inch alloy wheels, air conditioning, power-folding heated mirrors, leather steering wheel, trip computer, radio/CD with six speaker audio system, 7-inch TFT colour touch screen, USB/iPod connectivity and Bluetooth hands-free system.

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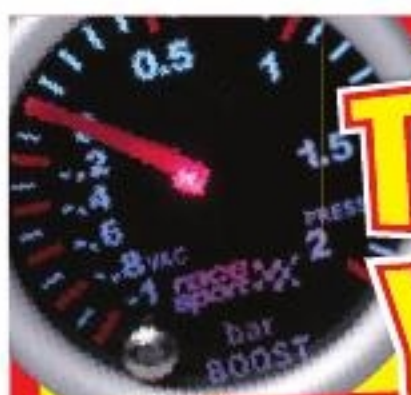
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HARTLEY Wintney lost their first game since August on Tuesday night, as they were defeated 2-1 by Chessington and Hook United in the Combined Counties League Cup.

But they took an emphatic win away to Eastbourne Town on Saturday, winning 5-1 to move into the third qualifying round of the FA Cup.

It means they will now face Clevedon Town at home in the third qualifying round on October 12, with matches against Horley Town and Havant and Waterlooville in between the FA Cup ties.

Elsewhere, Whitchurch extended their winning run to three games, following 1-0 away wins to Moneyfields and Eastleigh on Saturday and Tuesday respectively.

The results elevate Whitchurch to 10th in the Wessex Premier Division, level on 16 points with ninth-placed Lymington Town.

They next host Brockenhurst on Saturday.

In the league below, Tadley Calvea's game at home with Pewsey Vale ended in a 1-1 draw, in a result that puts the hosts fifth in the table.

They are currently four points behind league leaders New Milton Town with a game in hand.

Next on the agenda for Tadley is a trip to Team Solent on Saturday.

Bison now third after four-point weekend

BASINGSTOKE Bison completed the double over Milton Keynes Lightning this weekend, winning 6-3 away on Saturday and then 3-2 at home on Sunday.

A hat-trick by Joe Miller helped Bison overcome Lightning on Saturday night, in a game played at their temporary base in Coventry.

Miller scored the first of his goals at 7:03 with a powerplay tally assisted by Zach Sullivan, but Bison's lead was short-lived as Blaz Emersic equalised just 41 seconds later.

Joe Greener restored Bison's lead at 9:31, assisted by Tomas Karpov, before Miller's second at 16:16 gave the visitors a two-goal lead at the end of the first period.

Leigh Jamieson reduced the deficit for Lightning at 21:11, but just 18 seconds later Karpov restored his lead with a superb individual goal.

Miller completed his hat-trick shortly afterwards at 22:15, before Emersic again pulled a

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goal back at 31:09 to leave the score at 5-3 going into the final 20 minutes of play.

Aaron Connolly scored the only goal of the final period at 50:45 unassisted, giving Doug Sheppard's men a 6-3 victory on the road.

Sunday night's match again started brightly for Miller, as he opened the scoring with his fourth goal of the weekend at 12:31, with a wrist shot from the left circle that found its way past Lightning goalkeeper Jordan Headley.

The scoreline remained unchanged until the final minute of the second period, as Joe Rand collected a Nicky Chinn pass to score at 39:15, coming from a powerplay.

Lightning got a goal back at 44:55 courtesy of Stanislav Lascek, following a scramble in front of the net.



• Doug Sheppard led his team to two wins in two days over the weekend (Picture by 5holephotography.co.uk)

Karpov restored Bison's two-goal cushion at 55:41 with another powerplay goal, before Lascek grabbed a late goal at 59:25 which set up a frantic finish, but Bison held on for their second win of the weekend.

The results mean Bison are third in the English Ice Hockey Premier League table after five games, with eight points following four wins and one loss so far this season.

They next play Guildford Flames at home on Saturday, and then again away on Sunday.

Sport Bites

Delays cause cancellation

BASINGSTOKE Rugby Club's game against Thurrock had to be postponed on Saturday, after the visitors couldn't get to the ground due to an accident on the M25.

It means that Basingstoke are still waiting for their first win of the season, after three defeats against tough opposition.

The game against Thurrock has been rescheduled for October 19, while Basingstoke next travel to Guernsey on Saturday.

Away-day glory for Tadley RFC

TADLEY RFC's strong start to the season continued with a 38-17 away win against Chip-chipping Norton on Saturday.

Two tries in two minutes for winger Gareth Cripps-Jones helped Tadley add to their lead following Charlie Cox opened the scoring after just 10 minutes.

It means that Tadley sit second in the Berks, Bucks and Oxon Premiership table on points difference, and next face bottom side Farnham Royal on Saturday.

Chineham beaten by Petersfield

CHINEHAM RFC were unable to overcome Hampshire Two leaders Petersfield, ending their solid start to the season with a 29-7 loss.

Kris Ford opened the scoring for Chineham to give them a 7-0 lead, but it was downhill from there at Petersfield hit back with five unanswered tries.

Chineham stay fifth in the table despite the defeat, and will host bottom-side Alresford on Saturday.



• Rob Collard had a strong first race at Silverstone before an electrical problem sidelined him in race two (Picture courtesy of btcc.net)

Difficult weekend for Foster and Collard as season nears end

A FIFTH-PLACE finish was followed by mechanical trouble for Rob Collard on Sunday, in the penultimate round of the British Touring Car Championship (BTCC).

He started eighth in race one, and took advantage of a strong start on the soft tyres to move into fourth before dropping back a spot for a solid fifth.

But an electrical issue forced Collard out on lap three in the second race, before battling through the grid to 12th in race three.

He said: "It's another case of what might have been. I showed good pace again and in the first race I did a job

for the team and tried to protect Colin [Turkington].

"In the second race I got a good start and was ready to settle in behind him again but then the electrical issue put me out and that meant I was at the back for race three."

Meanwhile, Nick Foster recovered from spinning out in the first race to finish 13th and 11th in races two and three.

"To battle back after race one is good, but it's been a hard weekend for us," said Foster.

Collard remains 14th in the BTCC standings on 121 points, with Foster 15th on 98.

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BOSS BEMOANS 'FLAT' DRAGONS

Second-half display let us down, says Bristow after FA Cup exit

BASINGSTOKE manager Jason Bristow could not hide his disappointment after his side were knocked out of the FA Cup for another year.

The Dragons fell to a 3-1 home defeat to Weston-super-Mare as they failed to make the third qualifying round stage of the competition.

And Bristow blamed a 'flat' second half display as the reason for his side falling at their first hurdle in the competition.

"We started the game very brightly, and allowed Weston back into it," he said. "But in the second half we failed to get going, which was the biggest disappointment really."

"It was quite a flat second half from us, which was disappointing to see because we'd had such a positive week training, with

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good tempo and good quality. That display was not us and not what we are about."

"The visitors have become something of a thorn in the Dragons' side this season, having defeated Bristow's men 1-0 in the Skrill South in August."

"Weston are a good side who pass the ball around very well," added the Dragons boss.

"We knew that before we played them and knew that we'd have to be at the top of our game."

"For 45 minutes we did well, created a few chances and perhaps should have put a few more goals in the net."

Having gone 1-0 down, Reading

loanee Matt Partridge netted his second in two games since his switch from the Royals to draw Town level at the break.

However, two second-half efforts from Weston sealed 'Stoke's' fate, and Bristow was left to rue chances that had not been taken.

"The players were frustrated at themselves, we lost 3-1 but should have had several goals ourselves - certainly before they got their third Manny [Williams] had a great chance and didn't take it."

"And they went up the other end and put the game out of reach."

Nevertheless, Bristow remains confident his side can bounce back in the right manner against Hayes and Yeading United this weekend.

"The players are flat, but we'll pick ourselves up, dust ourselves down and react in a positive way on Saturday."

"We've responded in the right way to a couple of defeats so far this season, and we have to do that on Saturday."



• Kezie Ibe bears down on the Weston goal (Picture by Les Chase)

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